



SEPTEMBER 11th



On this day in...

2012: A stationary thunderstorm brought persistent, heavy rain to Mecca. Three to five inches of rain fell in just a couple hours (more than a year's worth). Floodwaters damaged a school, a mobile home park and several orchards.

2008: A thunderstorm produced strong outflow winds measured at 67 mph in La Quinta. Another thunderstorm produced golf ball sized hail in Ranchita.



A stationary thunderstorm produced flooding in Mecca on this day in 2012.

2004: Severe thunderstorms in Borrego Springs produced one inch hail that broke windows. Strong winds gusted to 60 mph before the anemometer was destroyed, and knocked down six power poles. Training thunderstorms over Johnson Valley produced severe flash flooding. Hwy. 247 was washed out in numerous sections. Minor damage to homes occurred and 12 vehicles were trapped. In La Quinta, 138 trees were knocked down at one golf course with damage to a building. More trees fell down at other golf courses. Roof tiles were blown off. Damage occurred to power poles and transformers.

1990: It was 117° in Borrego Springs, the highest temperature on record for September. This also occurred the previous day on 9/10.

1976: Record rains that started on 9/9 ended on 9/12 came from Tropical Storm Kathleen (called a 160+ year event by meteorologists). 14.76 inches fell on south

slopes of Mt. San Geronimo, 10.13 inches at Mt. Laguna, eight inches at Mt. San Jacinto, four+ inches in the Little San Bernardino Mountains, and 1.8 to 2.8 inches in the Coachella Valley. Deep Canyon (above La Quinta) recorded 2.96 inches in three hours on 9/10. Rainfall in the Santa Rosa Mountains above the Coachella Valley was called the "heaviest in recorded history." Six were buried and killed in sand in Ocotillo. Floods of record were attained at numerous streams around the Coachella Valley. 1.84 inches of rain fell in Riverside on this day, 2.09 inches fell in Borrego Springs, 2.33 inches fell in Victorville, 2.57 inches fell in Idyllwild, and five inches fell in Palomar Mountain, each the greatest daily amounts on record for September. The Victorville amount is also the third highest daily amount on record. This occurred during the El Niño of 1976-77. Hurricane Kathleen also brought the southwest the highest sustained winds ever associated with an eastern Pacific tropical cyclone with sustained winds of 57 mph at Yuma on 9/10.

1971: It was 100° in Palomar Mountain, the highest temperature on record. This occurred on eight other occasions.

1960: North-northwestward moving Hurricane Estelle dissipated west of the central Baja California coast from 9/9 to this day and spread tropical moisture and thunderstorms into Southern California. Julian measured 3.40 inches of rainfall. Flooding washed out roads near Lucerne Valley and blocked roadways near Forest Falls. A strong downburst in Redlands splintered trees.

1939: Four inches of rain fell across the deserts and mountains as a dying tropical cyclone moved across Baja California into southwestern Arizona on this day and on 9/12. This was the second tropical cyclone to impact California during the busy month of September 1939. A strong El Niño contributed to the activity.